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A Happy Prosperous New Year to All!

One Million Five Hundred Thousand Baptists Denied Representation In Com. Meeting

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31-14.
The Star, Tulsa, Okla.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31—(Special) About one million five hundred thousand Baptists were denied representation and voice in Baptist commission meeting in session here Tuesday. Usurpation of office unfair, ruling failure to recognize cognisance institutional rights are charged to those who dominated meeting. Claim here is made that presiding officer took charge who is not a vice president nor member of commission; that prearranged plans, results of secret caucus, shut out from vote and voice three fifths of Negro Baptists of United States. Report is that only vice presidents from five states which make up the commission were present and that the meeting proceeded without the minutes of the Philadelphia meeting of convention. Secretary missed train and did not arrive until within an hour of adjournment, looks like more trouble ahead, protests regarded throughout the day.

NASHVILLE GLOBE.

Johnson Lost in Fourth Round

BUT NOT JACK JOHNSON

A real heavy weight boxing contest was pulled off in the East End Xmas day which offered no little amusement for the sporting class. The bout lasted only four rounds, but was fast and vicious while it lasted. The principals were Shakespear Johnson the plumber and O. W. Gurley. Both men were in fine condition—full of the Christmas spirit and joined in the millee like old timers at the game. Gurley weighed in at 231 while his opponent weighed only 189. At the opening of the first round the men spired for an opening and both landed effective blows. In the second round a general mix up ensued from which Johnson emerged with a mashed nose, bleeding profusely. Gurley had drawn first blood but he was also considerably battered. In the third round both men landed short arm jabs, upper cuts, under cuts, left hooks, right swings and nearly every other blow known in the fighting game, but no serious damage was done. After a fast mix up in the fourth round the fight was stopped and Gurley declared the winner.

Gurley admits, however, that he had a hard go of it and was willing to stop while stopping was good.

Coloreed Insurance Co. Pays Claim

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 28, 1914.
Exchange Insurance Association,
Muskogee, Okla.

Dear Sirs:—
I wish to notify you that I am very glad to receive my sick claim. Although I had paid only five weekly premiums when I took sick. My claim was met promptly through your agents here, Messrs. Moreland and Williams, and I am well pleased, and will certainly recommend the Exchange Insurance Association for prompt payment.

Yours truly,
(Mrs.) Carrie Wesley Farris.
518 N. Hartford St.

Reduced Rates to S. S. Cong.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Reduced rates have been announced for the Sunday-School Congress at Birmingham, Ala., which is to meet June 9th to 14th. This is the information that was given out this week from the Sunday-School Congress headquarters. The early announcement of the rates, declares the Secretary, is a guaranty that ten thousand Sunday-schools will begin now to provide for their delegates. When asked what the exact rate would be, the Secretary stated that the rate will be based upon the four cent per mile proposition for the round trip and that any one could be able to ascertain the cost from their respective towns by getting the distance from Birmingham to their town and multiply it by four. The railroad tariff authorizing the rate is to be published at an early date. As soon as it is published it will be circulated very extensively. The amount of the round trip fare from the leading cities in the United States will be shown. Another encouraging feature about the early announcement of the rate this year, declares the Secretary, is the guaranty of a number of special trains. Nashville has been made, so it is learned, a stop-over point, so that all persons living beyond Nashville going through to Birmingham may stop, going or returning from the Congress. As soon as this was known, the Nashville people began to make preparations for their entertainment.

Bet on Johnson Won His Funeral

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 29.—The body of Walter Campbell, a Negro barber, was borne to the grave today encased in the most costly casket that the largest local undertaking establishment contained. The hearse was followed by a dozen carriages provided by the same undertakers. Just before the Jeffries-Johnson fight, Campbell made a bet with the white undertaker. If Jeffries won, Campbell was to shave the undertaker free as long as they both lived. If Johnson won, the undertaker was to provide an elaborate funeral for Campbell. Today the undertaker conscientiously carried out the terms of the bet.

Sub P. O. Is Open For Bus.

The postal business of Tulsa has grown to such dimensions that the Post Office Department has deemed it necessary to put in another sub-office, making two post offices to assist the main office in handling the postal business. The new office is located in the Economy Drug Store 108 N. Greenwood and Dr. A. F. Bryant, proprietor of the Drug Store is the new Sub-Postmaster. The colored people are well pleased with the new post office which will be very convenient for them.

Texas Editor En- dorses The Star

The Inquirer observes this week that T. J. Elliott, President of the Oklahoma State Business League who had charge of the arrangement committee that entertained the National Negro Business League at Muskogee, Okla., during the month of August and who was caught red handed by the Tulsa Star with graft, has attempted to vindicate his hellish desire by charging a libel against editor A. J. Smitherman for exposing the graft. The people of that state who are against the grafters stood with editor Smitherman and had him released immediately. Elliott realized that this action could only serve to humiliate the editor and for no other purpose. The Inquirer endorses the actions of Mr. Smitherman in the broadest terms and as he has already stated fight the grafters to the finish if you have to fight them behind iron bars.

It has ever been the policy of The Inquirer to fight, that justice may be vindicated and the people's will observed, for the will of the people is the will of God. It is the duty of the Negro editors who have allied themselves with the National Negro Press Association to take a united stand against the graft habit regardless of cost. The sooner the grafters are out of commission the sooner the Negro race will be able to redeem itself.—San Antonio Inquirer.

Mrs. Cheatham Leaves Hubby

Mrs. James Cheatham, wife of the cafe man who attempted to leave her husband week before last, it is said, to go to another man in Kansas City, but failed because her husband found it out before she had left, succeeded in eluding her husband Xmas eve with her two children for an unknown destination. Her husband sold out his cafe Saturday and left the city in an effort to locate his wife and children, saying he wished only to get possession of his two little girls. Deputy sheriff Barney Cleaver was engaged in the case and went to Kansas City, learning there that a woman filling the description of Mrs. Cheatham had been seen there in company with a man who was probably the man she went to meet, but had left for Leavenworth. It is thought the couple will be found in a few days and landed in jail. When the Star published the attempted elopement of Mrs. Cheatham as told by her husband a number of people abused the editor and the paper because they seemed to think it was a false report, but subsequent events seems to prove the whole story true. The Star may always be relied on for reliable news.

Tulsa Girl Died With Pneumonia

Miss Rebecca Sanders, niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wells of this city, died at the Wells home 613 E. Archer last Saturday night, after an illness with pneumonia after about six weeks of illness. Mr. Wells left with the remains Tuesday morning for Fulshear, Texas.

White Business Men Turned Out to See Ne- gro Burned at Stake

One of Lynchers Serves on The Grand
Jury Probing the Crime

Tulsa Girl And Okla. City Boy Wedds

A quiet wedding was performed at the Gentry Hotel on North Greenwood last Wednesday night, when Harvey Graves of Oklahoma City was married to Miss Jessie Kelton of this city. The couple left Wednesday night for Oklahoma City where the groom is employed in one of the local hotels. Miss Kelton was at one time employed by the Tulsa Star, and has many friends here. Rev. C. L. Neatherland officiated. The groom is 21 and the bride 19.

NOTICE

To my Friends and the Public:
On January 1st I assume the combined duties of the County Clerk and Register of Deeds which will double my responsibilities without any increased compensation. Hence from that day and that time on, while I am in the County Clerk's office I will require the proper fee to accompany each and every instrument to be filed or recorded in my combined office. To insure your instrument immediate filing and you do not know the exact fee fill out your check and sign same, leaving the amount blank, stamp or write across the face of the check, "not over two, five or ten dollars" as the case may be, so as to cover the amount of what you think the filing fee should be. When the instrument arrives I will fill in the proper amount and file the instrument at once. Otherwise the instrument will be mailed back to you and a statement showing the proper fee which will delay the filing, from twenty-four to forty-eight hours.
I want each and every one to take this letter in the spirit it is sent, as my duties will be too great to carry any book accounts.
Sincerely your servant,
LEWIS CLINE,
County Clerk and Register of Deeds.

Elliott Received Pay For Enter- taining Dr. Booker T. Washington

If reports are true (and we do not question this) T. J. Elliott insisted on having Dr. Washington stop at his home during the Business League meeting at Muskogee as his special honored guest, and rode him about the city in his lately acquired automobile, all of which was alright. But after the League meeting he made the local League it is said, pay him nearly \$50 for entertaining his honored guest.

According to these figures the local League had to pay Mr. Elliott \$16.66 approximately, a day for keeping Dr. Washington the 3 days of the National League.

Any hotel in Muskogee might have

SHREVEPORT, Dec. 29.—Two or three prominent business men admitted on the witness stand today in the lynching probe conducted by Attorney General Pleasant that they witnessed the burning of the Negro Watkins Lewis near Sylvester on the night of December 11. They declared that they went to the scene of the burning as sightseers and did not recognize any of the men who had the Negro in charge.

It was brought out that only about fifteen men took an active part in the affair. They were described as "rough riders" with wide brimmed hats whom no one knew. An effort to identify the woman who rode in the death car failed. One woman was placed on the stand, but she denied that she was in the car or was present at the burning of Lewis.

Member of the Police Jury Was Also
in Crowd who Hung
Negroes.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 30.—Testifying at the lynching investigation conducted by State's Attorney General Pleasant here today, Coroner Herold gave the names of two men, one a well known physician and the other a member of the police jury, who the coroner said returned with the crowd out of the woods where the two Negroes, Durden and Lewis, were lynched near Sylvester on December 2. The coroner testified that Sheriff Flournoy was on the scene at the time and that the crowd reported that Durden and Lewis had "escaped." It developed that they had been hanged. Coroner Herold testified that he understood that the two deputy sheriffs who had the Negroes in custody were in the crowd when it entered the woods ostensibly to search for the money the Negroes had stolen.

Another witness testified that a member of the grand jury which is investigating the lynching witnessed the attack on the jail on the night of December 11, when Watkins Lewis was taken away by a mob and burned.

Rev. Netherland preached a sermon at the Paradise Baptist church Wednesday night.

kept Dr. Washington for \$5.00 a day, and if he had stayed there a week the total bill would not have been more than \$30.00. How's this for graft? The Star has nothing at stake more than a desire to protect the common people and their interest. It was certainly wrong for Mr. Elliott to charge the local League at Muskogee \$50.00 or any other sum of money for entertaining Dr. Washington when there are so many other people in Muskogee who would have gladly kept him for nothing. Certainly for a great deal less than \$50.00.